

October 27, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

RE: Docket 5058 - Application to add Terms and Conditions for Municipal Aggregators Responses to Record Requests

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or the “Company”) enclosed, please find an electronic version¹ of the Company’s responses to the record requests that were issued at the Commission’s Technical Session on October 15, 2020 in the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your attention to this filing. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 401-784-4263.

Sincerely,



Andrew S. Marcaccio

Enclosures

cc: Docket 5058 Service List
John Bell, Division
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¹ Per Commission counsel’s update on October 2, 2020, concerning the COVID-19 emergency period, the Company is submitting an electronic version of this filing. The Company will provide the Commission Clerk with five (5) hard copies of the enclosures.

Record Request No. 1

Request:

How quickly can the Company go out for replacement power? For example, if a large municipality were to give 30-day notice that all its customers would need to come onto Last Resort Service ("LRS"), how quickly can the Company conduct a procurement to satisfy the increased load?

Response:

With a Full Requirements Service ("FRS") contract, the supplier becomes responsible for the energy and ancillary services charges of the particular LRS customer group for a fixed dollar per megawatt-hour price. The structure of the FRS contract requires a winning supplier to provide electric supply to a specific percentage of the LRS customer group's load. For example, a supplier that wins 20% of the Residential Group from October 2020 through March 2021 must provide supply for 20% of the Residential Group's load regardless of load fluctuations due to migration or weather. Under the Company's approved 2021 LRS Procurement Plan, if a municipal aggregation fails, expires, or ends and the municipality's customers return to LRS, the existing suppliers would be required to provide LRS at the same price as contracted. Therefore, there would be no need to run a new procurement.

The Company typically issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) for LRS 33 days prior to the final bid date, but the Company can execute an RFP in a shorter timeframe. In 2014 the Company was able to issue an RFP and execute final bids within a week. However, it usually takes several days to prepare the materials to issue the RFP.

Theoretically, if the Company was required to alter its LRS Procurement Plan and purchase replacement power for a municipality, it could do so with a 30-day notice once a process has been created. However, the Company would request discussions prior to altering the LRS Procurement Plan to consider specifics of the transactions, settlements, rates, and other topics that would be impacted by a change.

The Narragansett Electric Company
d/b/a National Grid
RIPUC Docket No. 5058
In Re: National Grid's Proposed Terms and
Conditions for Municipal Aggregators
Responses to Record Requests Issued at the
Technical Session Held
On October 15, 2020

Record Request No. 2

Request:

Please clarify the rationale for subsection 3(C)(6)(c) of the Company's proposed terms and conditions for municipal aggregators which provides that the municipal aggregators shall send to customers "[n]otification that specific information will be released unless the Customer requests not to..."

Response:

National Grid believes this statement is unnecessary, therefore, agrees to remove it from the Company's Proposed Terms and Conditions for Municipal Aggregators.

Certificate of Service

The paper copies of this filing are being hand delivered to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission and to the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers.



Joanne M. Scanlon

October 27, 2020

Date

Docket No. 5058 – National Grid’s Proposed Terms & Conditions for Municipal Aggregators

Docket No. 5059 – National Grid’s Proposed Change to Existing Terms & Conditions for NPPs

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